

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/788,150	STEWART ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Oanh Duong	2155	

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 03/15/06 & 06/15/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-24.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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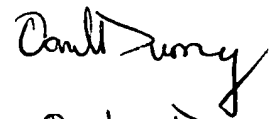
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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Paper No./Mail Date <u>8/22/06, 11/22/06, 11/25/06, & 03/26/07</u>. 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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 Oanh Duong

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

1. The undersigned attorney, Karl Kenna (Registration No. 45,445) was contacted by examiner on June 12, 2006. Examiner suggested applicant to file a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate an obvious double patenting rejection over Patent No. 7,051,072. Applicant agreed and a Terminal Disclaimer was filed on June 15, 2006.

In addition, Examiner contacted the undersigned on July 21, 2006 for minor change in claims 1 and 11 as shown in Examiner's Amendment below.

Terminal Disclaimer

2. The terminal disclaimer filed on 06/15/2006 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of Patent No. 7,051,072 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant's argument is persuasive (see remarks dated 03/15/2006, in page 8 lines 4-19).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Karl Kenna (Registration No. 45,445) on July 21, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

The title of the invention is changed to: **"Collaboration System for Exchanging of data between electronic Participants Via Collaboration Space by Using a URL to identify a Combination of both Collaboration Space and Business Protocol"**.

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A collaboration system ~~that allows the exchange for~~ exchanging of data between electronic participants in an electronic commerce environment, comprising:

a plurality of collaboration spaces for an exchange of data between a plurality of electronic participants, wherein each of the plurality of collaboration spaces defines rules governing both the exchange of the data and a role of each of the plurality of electronic participants, and wherein each collaboration space is accessible to the plurality of electronic participants using any one of a plurality of business protocols;

a collaboration hub for the transferring of data between the plurality of electronic participants and the plurality of collaboration spaces, wherein the collaboration hub includes a plurality of business protocol handlers for handling different business protocols, and wherein each combination of a particular collaboration space and particular business protocol is associated with a unique uniform resource locator; and

a hub transport that is used by a participant of the plurality of electronic participants to exchange data with another participant of the plurality of electronic participants via the collaboration hub and in accordance with the rules of a particular collaboration space, wherein each of the electronic participants specify a particular business protocol and a particular collaboration space by communicating with the collaboration hub using the unique uniform resource locator for that collaboration space and business protocol combination.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) A method of allowing electronic participants to exchange data in an electronic commerce environment, comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of collaboration spaces for an exchange of data between a plurality of electronic participants, wherein each of the plurality of collaboration spaces defines rules governing both the exchange of the data and a role of each of the plurality of electronic participants, and wherein each collaboration space is accessible to the plurality of participants using any one of a plurality of business protocol;

transferring data between the plurality of electronic participants and the plurality of collaboration spaces at a collaboration hub, wherein the collaboration hub includes a plurality of business protocol handlers for handling different business protocols, and wherein each

combination of a particular collaboration space and particular business protocol is associated with a unique uniform resource locator; and


using a hub transport to exchange data from one participant of the plurality of electronic participants to another participant of the plurality of electronic participants via the collaboration hub and in accordance with the rules of a particular collaboration space, wherein each of the electronic participants specify a particular business protocol and a particular collaboration space by communicating with the collaboration hub using the unique uniform resource locator for that collaboration space and business protocol combination.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Oanh Duong whose telephone number is (571) 272-3983. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:30AM-6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on (571) 272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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